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Aspen by Bonanza Flat off Guardsman Way are in the midst of color changes.

Catch a glimpse of Utah's fall color

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Utah's drought has dimmed the autumnal glow this year, but among many thousands of acres of drab browns are spots where the foliage gleams with scarlets, purples and golds.

"It's not real good," said Kathy Jo Pollack, spokeswoman for Wasatch-Cache National Forest, "but there are some areas that are coming to a peak a little bit earlier than usual."

Paved roads from which admirers of the fall tints can expect some fine views include:

- Northern Utah: Logan Canyon, Blacksmith's

Fork near Hardware Ranch, high parts of Monte Cristo Road near Ogden (U-39), Mirror Lake Highway (U-150 — particularly aspen that may become brighter in a week or so), Trapper's Loop connecting Weber Canyon with Ogden Canyon, and U-44 near Flaming Gorge.

- Central Utah: Nebo Loop near Payson, Indian Canyon between Duchesne and Price.

• Southern Utah: Boulder Mountain Road, connecting Grover, Wayne County, with Boulder, Garfield County; and U-12, between Panguitch

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and Bryce Canyon National Park.

The following dirt roads offer good lookin' too, Pollock said:

- Northern Utah: Farmington Canyon Road between Farmington and Bountiful.

• Central Utah: Skyline Drive near Manti. This route is "pretty washboardy" but passable in a passenger car if the driver goes slow and rain doesn't fall.

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Wasatch Mountain Replanting Begins

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Rehabilitation of the Wasatch Mountain watershed that was ravaged by last August's wildfire began Monday under the direction of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and 1,000 volunteers will be needed to help plant seedlings, Nov. 17.

The rehabilitation is a state and federal effort to restore the 2,970-acre area. The 50 to 60 mph fire claimed the lives of two Heber City men and destroyed 18 homes as it moved across the mountains west of the Heber Valley.

Fire crews reseeded caterpillar tracks and firelines created during the fire immediately after the it was controlled, and a lot of natural regrowth has already begun. The work begun this week includes re-seeding and construction of silt

fences, to control erosion.

The SCS rehabilitation plan, aimed at protecting watershed, has been estimated at \$176,000 and an SCS grant for \$140,000 has been approved. Since most of the burned area is on property belonging to the State Division of Parks and Recreation, that agency will help provide the rest of the funding. Wasatch County will contribute labor and equipment, but the county commissioners said they don't expect to have to provide money.

However, Eckhoff Watson & Preator, the county's consulting firm, has outlined a more extensive plan that includes flood control features, like additional silt fences, debris basins and sediment ponds. The county commission intends to incorporate both plans, in coopera-

tion with Parks and Recreation, for a total estimated cost of \$462,000.

Commission Chairman Moroni Besendorfer said recent storms didn't cause any flooding on the east side of the mountain. But, he said there was extensive flooding on the other side, near Deer Creek Reservoir.

The volunteers are needed to plant bitter brush, squaw brush and big sage seedlings in a 100-acre section of the lower areas of the Wasatch Mount State Park, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Midway Town Hall and will be bused to the planting area.

The volunteer effort is being organized by TreeUtah, a non-profit organization dedicated to planting and caring for trees.

"It's an opportunity for citizens

to get involved and make a difference," said Pepper Provenzano, president and founder of the organization.

"There's the possibility of high levels of sedimentation and contamination resulting in the destruction of water quality. We need to hold the slopes with vegetation," said Russell Hone, Salt Lake City Watershed Administration.

Donations have also been requested. One dollar will buy a tree. To volunteer or send a donation, send name, address and telephone number to: TreeUtah, P.O. Box 11506, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0506.

Volunteers should wear warm clothing and bring gloves and a lunch. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided.